விளைவது இல்லையென்பது அரசாங்கத்தாருக்குத் தெரியுமா? சென்ற ஆண்டில் மழையில்லாத காரணத்தால் குடிப்பதற்குக் கூடத் தண்ணீர் இல்லாத நிலைமையில் பல்லடம் தாலூகாவில் பல கிராமங்கள் கஷ்டப்பட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கும் போது அவர்களிடம் இரு போக நஞ்சைக்குரிய தீர்வை வசூல் செய்வது நியாயமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Against the normal rainfall of 15·17 inches, in the year in question there was a rainfall of 16·33 inches. So, there was more rain than usual. As for the other question, I want notice.

SRI P. S. CHINNADURAI : மழை பெய்யாத காரணத்தினால் கிணறுகளில் தண்ணீர் இல்லாது போய்விட்டது. ஆகவே மின்சாரத்தை உபயோகிக்காது போய்விட்டது. இருந்தாலும் மின்சாரத்திற்குக் குறைந்த பட்ச கட்டணத் தொகையை அவர்கள் செலுத்தவில்லை என்று கூறி விவசாயிகளுடைய சொத்துக்களை சென்ற மாதத்தில் ஜப்தி செய்தார்கள் என்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா? இதைப் பற்றி சட்டசபைப் பிரதிநிதிகளும், விவசாயிகளும் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு நேர்முகமாகப் பல விண்ணப்பங்கள் போட்டும் இதுவரையில் அதன் பேரில் எவ்விதமான நடவடிக்கையும் எடுக்காததற்குக் காரணம் ஏதாவது சொல்வார்களா?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : வரி செலுத்தாமல் போனால் ஜப்தி தான் செய்வார்கள். மந்திரி கூட வரி செலுத்தத் தவறினால் ஜப்தி செய்வார்கள். நியாயமாக எதைச் செய்யவேண்டுமோ அதைச் செய்யாது போனால் தண்டனைதான்.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : What are the monsoon prospects for current year?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I have not acquired any such occult powers.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : The Meteorological Department must be able to give such prospects.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If a question is specifically put, I shall get the information.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

III.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* POLICY STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS *RE* ABOLITION OF DISTRICT BOARDS WHEN THE HOUSE IS IN SESSION.

MR. SPEAKER : Yesterday, I received notice from the hon. the Leader of the Opposition of a Privilege Motion which runs as follows :

"I give notice of moving a Privilege Motion tomorrow the 16th instant for the purpose of discussing the policy statement made by Government in the Press regarding the abolition of District Boards.

[Mr. Speaker]

Has the Hon. the Leader of the House anything to say on this before I give my ruling?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I may state, Sir, that, as far as the Government are concerned, it is the intention of the Government to make any policy statement, when the Legislature is in session, only on the floor of the House. The report in the Press regarding the alleged decisions of the Government is not completely correct. No policy decision has yet been reached. Points for decision have been formulated and those points have been taken as decisions by the Press. As soon as decisions are taken and if the Assembly is in session, I may assure the House, the statement will be made only on the floor of this House. Hon. Members would have also noticed that it is not as if the Government have issued a communique on the subject. Some Press speculations, which are made in the ordinary course, have appeared in the newspapers and I do not think the Government are responsible for those things.

MR. SPEAKER : I am glad that the Hon. the Leader of the House has made a statement that when the House is in session, all policy statements would be made in the House before they are released to the Press. This is a very wholesome convention and I am very glad that the Government have agreed to observe this. In this case, however, from what the Hon. the Leader of the House says, I am satisfied that what appeared in the Press is not a statement of policy of the Government. Even in that statement, it is stated that the Minister for Local Administration will make a statement when the Local Administration Demand is moved. In the circumstances, I feel that no *prima facie* case has been made out for a Privilege Motion in this case.

IV.—POINT OF ORDER *RE* STATEMENT MADE BY THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE APPEALING FOR A TEN-YEAR TRUCE IN THE DEMAND FOR DRAVIDASTAN.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I would like to raise a point of order. The other day, when the Hon. Leader of the House was replying to the general discussion on the Budget he referred to the demand for Dravidastan by the Members of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and said that it was not a feasible proposition in the near future and that he would appeal to the Members of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam to wait for ten years. This statement has created a lot of sensation among the public. I would like to ask whether the Hon. Leader of the House has not sworn in the name of the Constitution and whether his statement about the feasibility of a separate State, Dravidastan, is in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution.

MR. SPEAKER : Before I give my ruling, I would like to tell the hon. Member that the statement he refers to was made many

days ago. He should have raised the point of order then, immediately after the statement was made. He cannot raise it now, a week after the statement was made. I personally feel that no purpose will be served by raising it at this stage.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : On a point of personal explanation, Sir. My statement seems to have been completely misunderstood. As far as I am concerned, I cannot tolerate any movement for the separation of any part of India from the Union. But I appealed to a particular section which is propagating this idea and creating confusion, "let there be undisturbed conditions for at least ten years so that we may carry out our developmental programme peacefully". It is not as if I subscribe to that subversive policy of separation. Far from it. I never subscribed to it and I will never subscribe to it in future. This is propaganda carried on by interested parties, as if the Government were in favour of this subversive movement. It is absolutely wrong and if there are comments on these lines, I would like to make it clear that as far as the Government are concerned, as far as the Congress Party is concerned, they can never tolerate any idea of vivisection of the country any further. But this appeal of mine was made to a certain section of the community which was creating confusion in the country in order that that confusion might stop and we could carry on our developmental activities. To call this as Government lending support to the movement is misunderstanding of my speech either purposely or without knowing its implications.

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM : On a point of order . . .

MR. SPEAKER : Where does Mr. Subramaniam come in? (Laughter). Is it on the same subject. I cannot allow. If it is anything different, it is all right.

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM : It arises out of the reply given by the Minister to the point of order raised by Mr. Ramaswamy Pillai.

MR. SPEAKER : While I am prepared to allow the Member to make a statement, I must make it clear that this sort of thing should not take place. I would request all Members to raise points of order, if any, immediately after the speech is made, not one week after. Any way, I have allowed the hon. Member to raise it and I shall not allow such things in future. The hon. Member will have opportunity to refer to this when the remaining Demands for Grants are taken up or when the Appropriation Bill is introduced.

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM : This is not on that subject but a different point of order. அவைத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் பேசும்போது திராவிட முன்னேற்றக் கழகத்தை 'subversive force' என்று குறிப்பிட்டதை நான் வன்மையாக கண்டிக்கிறேன். இந்த சபையில் அம்மாதிரியான சொற்களை பயன்படுத்தக் கூடாது என்று தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.